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SUBJ: METAL WORKERS' PRESIDENT PAULUS ANDERSEN RESIGNS;
POULSEN NAMED

1. BECAUSE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS, 50-YEAR OLD PAULUS ANDERSEN RESIGNED FROM HIS POST AS LEADER OF DENMARK'S METALWORKERS AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JUNE 1, 1978. GEORG POULSEN, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SINCE 1969 AND DIRECTOR OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE UNION SINCE 1972, HAS BEEN NAMED ANDERSEN'S SUCCESSOR. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION MUST BE CONFIRMED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS JUNE 8; POULSEN WILL BE UP FOR RE-ELECTION, IF CONFIRMED IN OFFICE THIS WEEK, AT METAL'S REGULAR CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER.

2. GEORG POULSEN'S NOMINATION WAS, REPORTEDLY, THE SUBJECT OF HEATED DEBATE AT METAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 1. POULSEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) UNTIL 1958 WHEN A SPLIT IN THAT PARTY RESULTED IN THE FORMATION OF THE "NATIONAL-COMMUNIST" SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY (SF). HE THEN BECAME AN SFER AND HELD A SEAT IN THE ELSINORE CITY COUNCIL ON THE SF ELECTION LIST. HE IS NOW A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT. APPARENTLY, SOME MEMBERS OF METAL'S EXECUTIVE BOARD DOUBT THE STRENGTH OF HIS COMMITMENT TO THE SOCIAL
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DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

3. POULSEN, WHO IS 49 YEARS OF AGE, IS KNOWN FOR HIS NEGOTIATING ABILITY AND HARD WORK. A FORMER DANISH CHAMPION RUNNER, HIS HEALTH IS SAID TO BE EXCELLENT.
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